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B.C. INTERIOR SPLIT ON IMPORT OF EVACUEES

U.S. Plans No Mass Removal Of Japanese

While no official information is yet forthcoming concerning the details of the government's plans for the evacuation of Japanese from the coastal areas, the question has been stirring considerable comment and discussion by local organizations in the areas most likely to be affected by any such measure.

In particular, the news has touched off verbal fireworks in the Interior.

Proposals to import adult Japanese labourers to work in the Okanagan Valley orchards under government supervision to offset a possible labour shortage this summer was denounced by the Penticton Board of Trade at its annual meeting, last Friday night.

Opposition was based mainly on the possible creation of a minority group problem.

Oliver where no Oriental has been permitted to reside has risen up in indignation at the possibility of a 'Jap' invasion.

For Road Construction

In the northern end of the valley, the Vernon Board of Trade has gone on record as favouring the plan of importing Japanese labour, but to use it more for road construction projects than for actual farm labour.

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In the United States, latest reports indicate that although there is a strong demand in some quarters for a similar removal of Japanese from defense areas, the government at Washington is not contemplating upon such a move.

W. Walter Williams, chairman of the Washington State Defense Council, reported last week upon his return from a visit to Washington that Department of Justice officials are making no present plans for mass evacuation.

Mr. Williams who went to confer on civilian defense problems, said that he made it a special point to inquire into official attitude at the capital with respect of the Japanese situation on the Pacific coast.

Col. MacIntosh To Address Vancouver Chapter

Col. MacGregor MacIntosh, a former M.L.A. and at present a member of the Committee on Oriental Affairs, will address the monthly meeting of the Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League, it was announced this morning by the Executive. The meeting will be held on Thursday evening, January 29, at the Nippon Club.

It is expected that Col. MacIntosh will deal in his address with the "Japanese Problem in British Columbia" with particular reference to the recent conference in Ottawa between the representatives of the Dominion Government, Provincial Government and the Standing Committee on Oriental Affairs. The other members of the Committee may also be present at the meeting.

The meeting will start at 8:15 sharp and will first take up various business matters of which the election of officers for 1942 will be the main item.

The public is cordially invited to hear Col. MacIntosh.

Plans Made for Second Victory Loan Drive

Plans for B.C.'s part in the second Canadian $600,000,000 Victory Loan Drive to be launched in February were nearing completion. Austin C. Taylor was again appointed chairman of the B.C. Committee. E. H. Adams is the head of the International Committee which will be in charge of the various foreign language elements in the province. Last year, the Japanese and Chinese groups were very heavy subscribers.

...oday's ...EADLINES

...Situation

...a was getting down to the ...of preparing invasion de... Japanese forces came ... the island continent in ... landing of 10,000 troops ... in New Britain, 800 miles ... of Australia. Another ...anese force was reported to ...g around New Guinea, and ...n forces feared that a land... already been made.

...llies were smashing repeat... the invasion forces and ...nds bombers and submar... American cruisers, destroy... flying fortresses were ... on the enemy with the ... toll of at least 10,000 ... dead. Southwest Pacific ...rriers reported that in the ...against the invaders in de... Java, nerve centre of the ...at least 10 Japanese ships ...nk and at least 17 others ...maged.

...ustralia, the Prime Minister ...urtin insisted in a speech ...hat Australia should have a ...n the war councils of the ...st Pacific command.

...tain a glad note was touched ...Secretary Stimson announced ...Washington that American ...had landed in Northern Ire...

...Stockholm sources via B.B.C. ... the gleeful news that the ... advance had forced Hitler ... to flee from his headquar... Smolensk to safer quarters in ... 200 miles away. Most of ...rman winter line had been ...up and were in the process of ...leaned up by the Russians, ...despatches said.

...ttawa, a press despatch said ...hat greater expansion of the ...n army will be announced by ...Minister King in Parliament ...day. Some details of the an...nement were said to be that ...w overseas army would con... two corps, one of two fully-... Panzer divisions and the other ...lude three highly mechanized ...y divisions with two tank...

...Washington the board of in...nit hard the neglect and the ...f responsibility on the parts ...miral Husband E. Kimmel and ...n. Walter C. Short in the ...Harbour disaster. Their report ...d some surprising facts; one, ...n American plane and destroy...d sunk a Japanese sub off ...Harbour nearly an hour before ...ttack began and yet the feel...at Japan would not dare attack ...t was so great that no prepar... had been made at all to meet ...dden attack.

...Lighter Side

...d in Canada and the United ... the war was not the only ... on the minds of Mr. and ...John Public as they awaited ...nxious heart the report of the ...nation of Dionne Quintuplet ...s leg. And today, sighs of ...were heard as the words "not ...serious" were disclosed from ...octors.

Town In Alberta Is Proud Of Its Nisei Soldier

McMURRAY, Alta.—One of the few Canadian-born Japanese serving now in the Canadian army hails from this northern town. He is Sigmn. Tommy Morimoto, son of naturalized parents who have been Canadian citizens since 1911. Born in Edmonton, he has been a McMurray boy since age three, and now he is overseas in active service.

The Morimoto family moved here from Edmonton in 1921, and its members have won a place in the confidence and respect of the community. Tommy attended the public school and took high school course in Edmonton, at Eastwood, from which he graduated with honors. On his return to McMurray he became assistant wireless operator of Canadian Airways company and later was employed in Yellowknife mining field.

Responding to the call for war service, young Morimoto enlisted in 1940 at Calgary with the Royal Canadian Corps Signals and went overseas last year with the third division. At present he is somewhere in England. Before joining up he was well known in northern sporting circles and was prominent as a hockey player both here and at Yellowknife.

COMMISSION MEMBER

KISHIZO KIMURA

Secretary of the Canadian Salt Herring Exporters has been appointed by Ottawa as a member of the three-man committee known as the "Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Commission" which will supervise the transfer of Japanese-owned fishing vessels to buyers. Mr. Kimura will represent the owners.

One For Ripley's Column

Sheriff Jails 'Vagrant' JACL Official

(From the Japanese-American Courier)

SAN FRANCISCO. — They were not putting anything over on the keen-eyed sheriff at North Platte, Nebraska, when the war broke out. He saw a "Jap" around town, and promptly threw him in the jug.

Herb Caen tells about it in his column in the San Francisco Chronicle:

"This is the tale of a distinguished Japanese-American, known to many high-ranking San Franciscans. When war broke, he was arrested in a small town not far from here and thrown into jail. For want of something better the sheriff charged him with 'vagrancy'.

The Japanese - American quietly displayed a wallet, filled with money, smiling. 'But I have money, I am no vagrant.'

"The sheriff grabbed his dough, stuffed it in his pocket and snapped; 'Now you are!'

"For two weeks they kept this man in jail, taunting him, trying to get him to read Jap papers (he reads no Japanese) and keeping him practically incommunicado.

"Finally, word of his plight got to his worried pals, in a jiffy the FBI got him out of jail. His name is Michael Masaoka, professor of journalism at the University of Utah—and author of the Japanese-American oath of allegiance."

The suspect is field secretary of the Japanese American Citizens' League, and was on an official tour, the purpose being to line up young Americans for defense. He got his money back and flew to San Francisco headquarters, where he has been busy ever since.

No Mo' Osato?

"Why didn't you tell me so last Week!" was the first reaction of a Nisei housewife, when questioned by the New Canadian about the sugar rationing order this morning. But when the order was explained to her in detail, she concluded with a sigh of relief, "Well, in that case it won't be too bad. All we have to do is to have just a little less cookies, cakes and other sweets."

To those who prefer to take coffee or tea "straight", this order will have no effect. Those, who are accustomed to take coffee with six or seven teaspoonfuls of sugar, will find it rather difficult to adjust themselves to this new wartime condition.

To Nisei children this looms as the worst war news possible.

Hompa Young People Amalgamate

To Hold Inaugural Meeting This Sunday

There is a new organization in Niseiville today—the Hompa Young Buddhists' Association.

In a move to meet the needs and demands of a community put on a war footing, members of the Hompa Young Men's Buddhist Association and the Hompa Young Women's Buddhist Association unanimously approved a resolution calling for the amalgamation of the two hitherto separate associations, at a joint general assembly Sunday afternoon at the Hompa Temple.

The climax of this red-letter day will take place this Sunday starting at 2 in the afternoon when an inaugural meeting will be held at which a new constitution will be presented and general elections held.

A committee consisting of Shota Kondo, George Kenno, Kiyoshi Suga, Kazuko Kagawa, Misao Taguchi and Eileen Shintani with Rev. K. Tsuji and Rev. Tatibana as advisors will be meeting Tuesday evening at the Temple to draft the new constitution.

A leading member of the Y.M.B.A. told The New Canadian that members of both groups had been thinking of this move for the last few years. They felt that the union of the two bodies would bring deeper understanding and closer co-operation among the members, and that the pooling of resources woud strengthen the Hompa young people financially, spiritually and intellectually and would enable them to undertake larger projects. In this way it was also believed that the group could do more to get Occidental Canadians to understand the aims and ideals of Buddhist youths.

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A Monday Feature

THE MUSIC BOX

On Cowboy Classics

By A. Y.

The history of cowboy songs—to take up a subject that has been weighing upon your columnist's mind since the Music Box's straw vote survey in which popped up several entries which included a few cowboy selections—bears a close resemblance to the history of jazz.

Both cowboy songs and jazz stem from the folk music of America—yes, folk music—and both have undergone radical changes at the Midas touch of commercialization.

First, if you readers will stay with me awhile, I shall attempt to give a brief account of the origins and background of the cowboy songs. Then, a word or two about the songs themselves, and lastly a few notes on the cowboy music of today.

THE COWBOY

But first of all, a word about the Cowboy. For the American cowboy is truly a unique and romantic figure in modern civilization. I wonder if there exists any American or Canadian-bred man or youth today whose life has not been touched in some way by this semi-legendary figure. I know for myself that when we were "kids" in short pants, we practically lived cowboy lives. Tom Mix, Hoot Gibson, Ken Maynard and others were our heroes. In our own little rip-roaring, rooting-tooting cowboy games in the empty neighbourhood lot we did our best to emulate their dare-devil feats. Even now, in the states of the Middle West, people are still flocking to the cowboy movies. In many a town, these "horse operas" rate a better billing than productions featuring a Clark Gable or a Dorothy Lamour with or without her sarong.

The days of the cow-puncher reached its zenith during the first two decades after the Civil War. From Texas to Montana, the Middle West's immense tracts of open range covered with luxuriant grass encouraged the raising of cattle.

Actually, the cowboy's duties were monotonous. In a typical ranch community consisting of a boss, a strawboss, cowboys, a horse wrangler, and a cook, his was the job of tending the herd nights and days most of the year. Oftentimes he and his co-workers would drive the herd on long treks to better pasture lands hundreds or thousands of miles away. After the spring round-up he would take the cattle to the market such as the one at Fort Dodge in Kansas.

But once the cattle were sold and disposed of, once his pay was under his belt, the cowboy would forget the long and chilly nights of watching, the long and arduous treks. Straight for the nearest saloon-town with its promise of liquor, gambling and bright lights he would make a bee-line.

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So in the cowboy ballads are mirrored the details about a cow-puncher's work and life. Better still, these songs give an insight into his character, better than any romance or movie. By hearing them a listener can glimpse of his reckless, fiery bravery, can understand his taciturn character, and can appreciate his gruff but hearty hospitable nature.

It is in the robust and artless speech of these songs—unchanged and unadulterated by Tin Pan Alley—it is in their natural vigour, their vibrant, unsophisticated rhythm; it is in their straight-from-the-heart expression that we find the true spirit of folk music.

On this score, when at times we seek polite and polished music, these ditties may sound coarse; but when at times we tire of sophistication and pose, these songs act as a refreshing tonic.

The Week's Song Leaders:

1. White Cliffs of Dover.
2. Elmer's Tune.
3. Chattanooga Choo Choo.
4. This Love of Mine.
5. Rose O'Day.
6. Everything I Love.
7. Shrine of St. Cecelia.
8. Shepherd's Serenade.
9. I've Got It Bad and That Ain't Good.
10. This Is No Laughing Matter.

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calendar

JANUARY

26—Vancouver JCCL Annual Meeting, Nippon Club, 8.15 p.m.
31—U.B.C. Alumni Association Meeting, 2475 West 10th, 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY

3—Powell Y.P. Badminton Club Roller Party, Happyland.
14—St. Valentine's Dance, U.B.C. Brock Hall, 9-12 p.m. Ten Piece Band, $1.25 Couple.

Four Youths Charged With Murder Of Uno

Four youths, who were charged with the murder of Yoshiyuki Uno, 27, were remanded until February 2nd at the police court this morning. The young men facing charge of murder are: R. H. Hughes, 19; William George Billamy, 20; Floyd Berrigan, 18; and John Petryk, 17.

The charges of murder were made Friday last week.

At the inquest, held last Friday, at which mother of the victim, Mrs. Oiye Uno, gave an evidence, returned the verdict that "Yoshiyuki Uno came to his death as a result of gunshot wounds, fired by some person or persons unknown to us."

TOWN TOPICS

• Joint Meeting

The Powell United Ladies' Aid and Women's Missionary Society will join in the monthly meeting to be held next Wednesday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Powell United gym parlour. Rev. K. Shimizu will give an address on the topic, "Women and the Home Front." All members are requested to attend.

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• Wedding Bells

"I do's" were said at the pretty wedding Saturday afternoon at the Holy Cross Mission as Miss Pat Sumie Kawajiri, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kawajiri of Vancouver, B. C. became the bride of Mr. Harry Adachi, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Adachi of Bloedel, B. C. The best man was Mr. George Kadota and the bridesmaid was Miss Koko Sasaki.

On Sunday, January 25, at 3 o'clock, the young people entertained their many friends at a post-nuptial reception at their apartment, 134 Powell Street.

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• Hompa Y.M.B.A. Raffle Results

Drawings for the highly successful Hompa Y.M.B.A. raffle were made Sunday afternoon, January 25, at the Hompa Temple. Prize winning numbers are:

1. 641, F. Machida, 293 C... St., City.
2. 644, M. Oshimo, 409 ...ander, City.
3. 609, Mrs. K. Kam... 143 Dunlevy, City.
4. 671, I. Takahara, R.R. 2, New Westminster.
5. 225, K. Chaki, 353 Co... City.
6. 517, Mrs. Hiraishi, Pier Cafe, City.
7. 118, H. Shigehiro, ... City.

Ball Player In Tragic Accident

At the Coroner's inquest held yesterday afternoon, the jury returned the verdict of "accidental" with the blame attached to Takeshi Tommy Sawayama, 22 of Port Hammond, well-known Asahi ball player, for the death of Mrs. Anna Ponyicky, 1825 Powell Street.

Mrs. Ponyicky died in the General Hospital at 11 p.m. Friday after she was struck by an auto driven by Sawayama on the intersection of Hastings and Glen Drive at 8:10 p.m. Friday, January 23.

Mrs. Ponyicky was pushing her baby in its carriage across the street, holding the buggy with one hand, and supporting a dark umbrella in the other when the car struck her.

The baby miraculously escaped instant death and lies now in critical condition in the General Hospital.

Alumni Hold Meeti'g

"Faith as a Basis of Practical Life" will be the topic of Rev. K. Shimizu's address at the Japanese Alumni Association meeting to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. Momose, Saturday, January 31.

This meeting will be the first i nthe series of Alumni gatherings at which individual members of the Association will give an address on some given topic, and lead an informal discussion period following his talk.

Rev. Shimizu is one of the very first Japanese students to graduate from the local University, having received his Machelor of Arts degree in 1919.

• Visitors

In town for a short visit are Mr. and Mrs. Kaname Izumi of Chemainus.

Drama Festival Opens Tonight

The Nisei community will be well represented at the Greater Vancouver Young People's Annual Drama Festival when the curtain rises this evening at the Kitsilano High School auditorium on the long-awaited, week-long event.

On tonight's program, the Nisei Players' Club will make its initial bid for recognition as it presents "Between the Soup and the Savary". Taking part are Aki Hyodo, Ina Kayahara and Koto Yatabe.

The Powell United Y.P.S. will be out to defend its laurels gained last year, on Friday evening, January 30, when it makes its bow with "Star-Struck". Yuki Yoshida is directing the play.

Tickets may be obtained for 35c from members of either drama groups, or at the gate. Starting time each evening is 8 o'clock.

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Monday Feature

Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

POWELL STREET VIGNETTE

POWELL STREET . . . it's Main Street, Wall Street, Lover's Lane; it's the gateway to dreams . . . and the road of a thousand sorrows. In this street, a race beats a rhythm all its own . . . and the people who live it are ordinary people, who are born, live, grow up, and in time, go to dust. For one illustrious life, there are a thousand minor ones. Of these, the minor events, is the saga of Powell Street written.

Every individual has a right to live his or her own life in his own particular way, as long as his way of life does not radically interfere with the conventional pattern of established society. Tomiko believed this. Believed this as sincerely as she believed in the sun breaking through the clouds after rain.

And yet, today, she serves behind a counter . . . has been serving behind a counter, for how long? Yes, almost five years . . . a far cry from her early dreams. Does she like her work? She merely shrugs her shoulders, and puts on another splash of red on her already scarlet lips.

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YET, Tomiko began life just like any other human being. She had a mother, a father, brothers and sisters. Her childhood was not particularly hard. She had her share of trouble, but they were those which come to children born of immigrant parents, seeking a foothold in a land which could not conceive that Tomiko was in any way different from her bluff fisherman father and her mute, incoherent mother.

But she had her dreams, dreams which made it possible for her to work in smelly canneries in the summertime, to blister in strawberry patches, to slave in other women's homes.

She sailed through public school with flying colors. Then, high school loomed before her. Send her to high school? What good was there in book learning! No one in the district had gone before her. Such foolishness . . . to send a girl-child to school! Better that she stay at home and learn to sew a fine seam. The time was near at hand for planning her future. But she went to high school. That was Tomiko.

Four glorious years sped by on wings, and she put away her books. Then vague hopes and longings stirring within her. What were these hopes . . . these longings? What are the hopes and longings of every girl? Tomiko first thought it was a career . . . a career as stenographer and a shiny walnut table.

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So she struck out for herself . . . while small town tongues wagged with dire prophesies. The glamour of the city, did you say? Ask Tomiko. Any small town girl in a big city can tell you of the loneliness, the bitterness, the disillusions which are in store for the young and eager. . . .

Finally, and because she was so genuinely enthusiastic, pull got her the job he fills today.

One year, two years, three years sped by . . . years filled with work, laughter, and hints of something greater than merely answering telephones and a shiny walnut table, for Tomiko was not unattractive, and masculine attention came her way easily. And there were reasons to believe that some day . . . reasons to believe that some day her wishes would all come true. But the waiting was so long . . . so long . . .

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BUT finally the small town caught up with Tomiko. It came in the form of a very formal proposal. He offered security . . . and a home. She was no longer "sweet sixteen" and so she knew what was in the balance. No more pitying glances . . . no more sly insinuations . . . no more walking alone. Five years after graduation, and her career was at a standstill. Her parents were worried. Her own age was fast becoming a problem in the eyes of the community which still held to the idea that a girl of twenty-five was definitely "passe".

For four sleepless nights a lone battle was fought. And then Tomiko sent back her regrets.

Then, came the war. Superficially, it has not affected her work. She is still working. Her smile as she saunters down Powell Street is seemingly bright as ever—her sharp little quips wittier than ever.

Tomiko has her moments . . . twinges of conscience when she thinks of her mother's unvoiced disappointments . . . a moment of regret . . . when his engagement to another girl was announced . . . but today, she meets the world with a laugh and a philosophy which will not dare to look back. . . .

O O O O

THIS is the story of Tomiko. A good story has a beginning and an end. The story of Tomiko has no end, for she cannot come to grips with the forces which mill about her.

Tomiko does not want pity; she shuns confidences. She merely asks that she be allowed to live her own life in her own particular way. That is her right.

And so another tale of Powell Street has been penned. . . .

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• Sport Spotlite

By S. O.

Well, folks, here I am again, your weekly sports columnist. This is Monday and somehow one is never expected to tax his limited grey matter too strenuously on the first day of the week, for how else can he survive the remaining 6 days?

The mad buzzing around to keep up with the incessant whirlwind of weekly sports has left its mark . . . I feel so dully and groggy (not resulting from Saturday night's spree) that if this column ends up likewise please do not be too hard on this scribe.

Let's start the round off with cage. Saturday's night's benefit cage event proved conclusively that melon-tossing was still gaining popularity. Oh, how elated czar Mi Akiyama would be if a similar crowd would flock to his beloved game every week. Still that's expecting too much, but perhaps some day that dream may be realized.

If such occasions does rise then there must be some drastic changes made to the gym, if not a new one built. The gym is definitely too small and outmoded for present style of playing and although a lot of bodily contact and unnecessary shoving, bumping and elbowing could be cut down as long as games are played in the present gym, chances for improvement are nil.

For the sake of director Mi Akiyama who has worked so hard the last five years to popularize melon-tossing, let's hope his dream of a spacious and up-to-date gymnasium will be fulfilled.

Bowling at Chapman's goes into the seventh week to-night and the tight race down the home stretch has started. Kegling has gained in popularity and indications of a Mixed 5-Pin Spring League is evident . . . so girls, get busy and start practicing.

The present Men's winter league has tightened and to-night's results should make big changes in the team standings. The "croocial" to-night are between the first and second place Kick Backs and Singers. Giants and Tanaka Bros., who are now tied for third slot, tangle on alleys 19-20. The possible extension of the schedule to 15 weeks is still undecided. The present schedule will be completed in 10 weeks.

And so . . .

Ski for shee, if you prefer! Skiing is "the" sport which this scribe would like to do more of. There isn't much to skiing. All you do is slide down a snow-covered hill and strive to assume a natural position at the end of the slide. But the most natural position seems to be head first in snow.

Nothing can compare with the exhilarating feeling a skier gets as he plummets down a steep slope on his wooden runners, whizzing past rocks and trees with reckless abandon (this feeling will, of course, be slightly altered should the skier decide to stop unexpectedly and say hello in a convincing manner to the aforementioned trees and rocks.

But, alas, conditions on Vancouver's winter playgrounds were not as expected this year and for the third straight year plankers are bemoaning the fact that there is not sufficient snow to ski on. A very serious predicament indeed.

Thanks, folks, for reading this far.

Vets and Vegas Stage Bang-Up Game As Fans Honor Kinzo Fujioka Night

Ink Spots Stave Off Steveston Rally

Nippons 28—Vegas 24.
Ink Spots 27—Steveston 24.
Nomads 24—Marpole 3.

The "Fujioka Benefit Nite" went over the top with a bang exceeding all expectations as far as attendance was concerned. In fact the league executives happily announced that the event was recorded on the files of the dusty record book as hitting the biggest jackpot of all times. At this time the league wishes to thank the public for their wonderful support and feel sure that Kinzo Fujioka will appreciate the radio to which the public has contributed so wholeheartedly.

Needless to say the record crowd was not disappointed by the brand of melon-tossing that was served.

The scrappy little Vegas crew turned on plenty of speed for the old-timers and looked for a while as if they would whip the Nippons into submission by relying on their speed alone, but the older crew, comprising mostly of 'name' players in the present senior setup, by sheer fighting force and more accurate sniping pulled ahead to a 28-24 triumph.

Shig Ashikawa and speedy George Suzuki led the Nippon attack with 12 and 10 points respectively. "Mush" Fukumoto was the main cog in the Vegas machine, scoring 10 points and breaking up a lot of the heavier boys' offensive.

INK SPOTS WIN AGAIN

In the Intermediate thriller Ink Spots led by Shig Onizuka's first half scoring spree of 16 points, cashed in on their 6th consecutive win by nosing out the hard-working Steveston quintette 27-24. The Ink Spots were fairly sizzling with fire in the first half, scoring 24 of the 27 points, but after the rest their sniping cracked up as the fishing village lads applied pressure, so much so that the Ink Spots had their hands full playing a defensive game. However their big lead gained in the first half was too much for Steveston to overcome. The fishing lads rallied to within 3 points when the final whistle saved the day for the Ink Spots.

The Nomad-Marpole junior curtain raiser was in favor of the taller Eburne lads. V. Kuwabara led the winners with an even dozen points. Terry Fujioka was tops on the losing team, also with a 12.

Nippons—Ashikawa (12); Ide Akiyama (3); Suzuki (10); Inamoto; Suga (3)—28.

Vegas—Fukumoto (10); Tsukamoto (2); Miike (5); Toyama; Natsuhara (2); Maikawa; Hashimoto (2); Uyeno; Miyazaki (3)—24.

Steveston—H. Mukai (6); K. Mukai (2); Naruse (10); Mori; Miyashita (1); Oda (2); Niwatsukino; Matsuba—24.

Ink Spots—Onizuka (16); Akiyama; Onishi (4); Sato (4); Goto; Tanaka (2); Nikaido (1)—27.

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Our Contacts With Canadian Society

In the face of the grim realities of abnormal war conditions, the participation of two Nisei drama groups in the annual Greater Vancouver Young People's Drama Festival augurs well for the future.

On one hand, the Festival officials have raised no barriers against the entry of the Nisei groups, but have given them every encouragement, furnishing for us all but another example of the fair mindedness and tolerance of the goodly portion of our fellow citizens.

On the other hand, the Nisei themselves must receive credit for the fine spirit they have shown in their willingness to keep up and not abandon the splendid record and reputation they have so deservedly earned in past years, and for their faith in the fairness of both the Festival officials and their audiences.

In these days and times we cannot stress too much the need for continued contacts and co-operation by the Nisei with our fellow Canadians.

For it is true, now as never before, that we must work among and with the great body of Canadian citizens in order to disprove the charges of disloyalty and disaffection that are oftentimes laid against our door, and to secure their willing admission to our claim to an honourable place in Canadian society. Such an admission, the only true and lasting basis for our future welfare as Canadians, rests ultimately upon the understanding and friendship we gain from our fellow citizens.

Thus the fact that the avenues leading to that goal, such as afforded by the Drama Festival have beenkept open to the Nisei and that they in turn have not been timid in taking the opportunity gives promise of a brighter future for Canada when Canadians whatever be their racial origin will stand together as one united body of citizens, come weal or woe.

A Letter To The Editor

Faith In The Canadian Public

Sir:

As an old teacher I have had some small share in shaping the outlook of a considerable number of Japanese Canadians, and this note is to tell you that many of your fellow Canadians of the majority race are proud of the way the Nisei as a class are bearing themselves in these sad and trying times. Some of their kin across the Pacific but long resident among us we know to be equally deserving of our confidence.

In times of fear and distress it is always easy for unscrupulous demagogues to arouse considerable numbers of very decent people to join in clamours that are foolish and cruel; that fact is being demonstrated in Vancouver at present.

However, your friends of Anglo-Saxon origin hope that you will continue to keep your temper no matter what the provocation, to think twice before you speak, to remember that you have many friends who, in the by and large, must be quite unknown to you, and, in general, to keep up the good work for which The New Canadian stands.

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BULL SESSION

By F.A.M.

That Certain Age

When did you first get interested in girls? I've been thinking about this subject ever since the other day when I heard a couple of kids in front of me in the street talking about quote dames unquote and they couldn't have been more than twelve or thirteen years old at the most.

It seems by the observations I've been making for the past year or so that the younger generation sure is growing up fast. . . Nowadays kids just out of grade six holler about permanents and lipstick and the ways and means by which hitherto uncontrolled hair can be tamed and so on . . all of which is a sign that something new has been added to their young life.

A proof of this newer generation's coming of age in a very sudden way is the fact that little girls in their first year of junior high or thereabouts and who had been disposed to blushing and giggling at the sight of me have started to say hello and smile at yours truly in what they hope is a bewitching manner. Arabella who always has a bright answer to me says that little girls like that who are at the age when they don't know any better would be the only kind of girls that would condescend to smile at me.

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Sweater Girls

Intruding into Cindy's territory I would like to inject a fashion note into this slough of this always incoherent and oftimes uncontrolled dribble . . . I don't know why but I like sweaters as wearing apparel. . . While I approve of the Lana Turner and Carole Landis type only as magazine illustrations, calendar and wall decorations I am heartily in favour of non-Hollywoodese sweater-girls and sweater boys. For informal wear I would endorse a combination of a crew-necked sweater plus slacks for the vigorous male and those longwaisted sweaters (aren't they ducky, girls?) and a just short enough but not too short skirt for the usually easier-on-the-eyes and usually shaplier sex . . . Of course, Arabella is a super delicious sweater girl in her own nice way . . .

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You're as Young as You Feel

One of the guys who read this column, believe it or not, the editor and myself don't seem to be the only ones who read it, complained that the only thing I talk about in these weekly literary masterpieces was girls, girls, girls . . . In other words, too many girls . . . In reply I queried what else can I write about, to which he said, why not write about yourself . . . but, I interjected, then people will think I'm conceited . . . to which he answered, yeah, but they think that already anyway . . .

So here I go writing about that delightful personality i.e. myself (and who said "that drip"?) two females I know, (I can't call them ladies) asked me one day how old I was . . . so I told them . . . to which they replied but they thought I was about three years younger . . . I still don't know whether I'd been insulted or complimented . . . another thing, I know darn well was no compliment was the not very original crack that the editor ejected one day when I stroked my chin and said, boy, I need a shave . . . to which mister editor, wise guy that he is said, what for and where?

They Love The Land

The Japanese Farmers In Californi

By DR. O. SWEZY

(The Christian Science Monitor)

Most of the Japanese in the United States are to be ... in California. There they number 93,717, of whom 33,5... aliens. Most of these live in well defined localities. O... of the cities and towns, where gardening and housework ... the principal occupations—though all other types of indu... are represented, including the learned professions—Japa... are most numerous on truck farms and as fishermen.

In some sections of the State it may almost be said ... the Japanese have a monopoly of the industry that produces ... green vegetables which are California's especial pride ... twelve months of the year. There are two main reasons ... this, one of which is that it is an occupation dear to the h... of these little men who have followed it for centuries.

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Most Americans who turn to farms envision their fu... in terms of hundreds, even thousands, of acres, where machi... ery may be used to perform most of the work. To the Jap... ese, on the other hand, a few acres offer endless opportuniti... for work for himself and his family. A few have farms co... parable with those of their white neighbours, but most ... limited to a few acres.

The 1940 census provides pertinent data on the compa... tive number and value of the farms held by whites and Jap... ese in this State. Of the total number of farms, Japanese h... about 4 per cent, with 3 per cent of the value. The estimat... value per acres of these farms shows a different ratio. T... Japanese hold 5,135 farms, with 226,094 acres and a value ... $65,780,572. The average number of acres per farm is fort... four, while the average value per acre is $290.

The number of farms held by whites is 125,928, with ... total of 30,168,554 acres and a total value of $2,090,648,6... The average number of acres per farm is 239 and the avera... value per acre is $69.

This difference between land values is due to two caus... one of which is location. Most Japanese truck farms are sit... ated near centers of population. These are in the valleys a... near the coast. The Sacramento Valley, the Peninsula sou... of San Francisco and the sections around the cities in th... southern part of the State contain the majority of these farm... Most of these were located near the tables to be supplied befo... iced cars made this an unnecessary precaution.

It has recently been pointed out that Japanese farms a... thickly strewn around the newly built defense plants ... Southern California where defense industries cluster like fli... In all fairness it should be pointed out that these farms ant... dated the defense plants, many of them of long years' standin...

It must also be remembered that in these days wh... everyone either has become a member of the armed forces ... a worker in defense plants, the product of these truck farm... has bcome as vital to national defense as any other industr... To curtail the activities of their Japanese operators would ba... the shelves of many stores in California as well as elsewhere ... these necessary elements of national existence and morale. ... the first few days after Pearl Harbour startled the worl... there was much talk about the danger from these unfortu... ately placed people. However, the common sense of the majo... ity of our citizens quickly re-established itself and the Japa... ese farmers went on with their tasks unmolested.

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A second factor that is most important in the assessme... of the value of these farms, is the habits of the Japanese them... selves. Fresh from Japan where a "farm" may consist of ... piece of land anywhere from a foot square to a few rods ... extent, the plots of ten to forty or more acres upon which the... are established in this country are indeed "colossal". An... what is more important, the tendency is to cultivate these acr... down to the last corner with the same intensity as they d... he square foot in Japan. Therein lies the secret of their su... cess. And, also tremendously important, the question of labo... is not the problem that has become elsewhere, for the labo... of the entire family usually suffices.

Their loyalty? Love of the land is deeply ingrained ... these people. With their memories of their former inches ... land, they may be depended on to fight to retain the acr... they have acquired in this land where there are no coolies.

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